GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PANCHAYATI RAJ
LOK SABHA

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Governance in Gram Panchayat
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Will the Minister of PANCHAYATI RAJ be pleased to state:

a) whether any steps have been taken by the Government for cleanliness, potable water, child development, livestock rearing and governance in all the Gram Panchayats across the country including Rajasthan to empower the rural India;

b) if so, the details thereof;

c) whether the Government proposes to conduct training programme for representatives and office bearers of Panchayats to apprise them about their duties and responsibilities; and

d) if so, the details thereof

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PANCHAYATI RAJ
(SHRI PARSHOTTAM RUPALA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Under the Fourteenth Finance Commission award an amount of Rs. 2,00,292.20 crore for the period 2015-20 is being devolved to the Gram Panchayats constituted under Part IX of the Constitution in 26 States including Rajasthan for delivering basic services, technical & administrative support towards operations and maintenance, creation of reliable data base of local bodies' receipts & expenditure through audited accounts and for improvement of own source revenue of the Gram Panchayats. The grants are allocated and released to the States by the Ministry of Finance in accordance with the guidelines. The State-wise total allocation and release of grants for Gram Panchayats during 2015-16 and 2016-17 is at Annexe.
(c) & (d) The Ministry of Panchayati Raj provides funds to the States for capacity building and training of various Stakeholders i.e. Elected Representatives and Functionaries of Panchayati Raj Institutions on a large scale, including e-enablement and setting up Panchayat resource centres for the same, thereby increasing the capacity of PRIs and improving governance of Panchayats.
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